

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

STIMULUS: BUSINESS GROWTH,
NOT SPENDING

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, on January 9, 2009, then President-Elect Obama stated that “[t]here is no disagreement that we need action by our government, a recovery plan that will help jumpstart the economy.”

I rise today to submit to the RECORD the following list of economists, compiled by the CATO Institute, that disagree with the President's remarks. Along with these economists, myself and my colleagues from both parties believe that increased government spending and higher taxes deter productivity instead of encouraging development. History has shown that an increase government spending does not solve problems. The way to solve our problems is to lower taxes across the board, encourage investment, and restore fiscal responsibility in the White House and Congress. Passing the burden of deficit spending to our children and grandchildren does not lead to a brighter future. We need a policy based on facilitating business growth, not government spending, to reinvigorate our economy.

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EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2009 Omnibus.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: i-SAFE, Inc

Address of Requesting Entity: 5900 Pasteur Court, Suite 100 Carlsbad, CA 92008

Description of Request: \$300,000 will allow i-SAFE to expand services to a projected 6.2 million students nationally by the end of the 2009 school year. It will also help to fund the i-SAFE initiatives that provide data to FBI, local law enforcement, schools and industry leaders such as USPTO, RIAA and ASCAP. This data is provided through the i-SAFE National Assessment Center—a compilation of student surveys that serve as the world's largest data base of student online behavior and attitudes. The State of Alaska provides contract funds for the Village Public Safety Officer program.

i-SAFE Inc. is the leading provider of e-Safety education and training in schools nationwide. i-SAFE also provides schools/districts behavioral statistical data regarding Internet behavior and usage by their students. i-SAFE programmatic assets address a broad range of e-Safety issues through a uniquely comprehensive and holistic framework that includes training of educators (i.e., Professional Development Program—i-SAFE has trained over 85,000 educators nationwide) both online and in-person, extensive community outreach programs towards parents, seniors, legal/law-enforcement officers and, most importantly, a world-class age-appropriate curriculum which features integrated teaching and learning activities for students in all grades from primary to secondary schools. i-SAFE has educated over 8.5 million students nationwide and has cooperative agreement with many of the State Dept of Education(s) and Districts in all 50 states including schools in Washington, DC to name a few: Sidwell Friends School; St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School; Woodridge Elementary; Woodridge High School & St. Peters Interparish School.

i-SAFE fulfills a vital role in the digital age and global information society, throughout the United States by empowering Internet users with the knowledge and awareness needed to garner the most benefit from Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) and the Internet via safe, responsible, ethical and legal use.

Beginning in 2009 Congress mandated that elementary and secondary schools receiving E-Rate discounts must submit a certification to the Federal Communications Commission that as part of their Internet safety policy they are educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyber bullying awareness and response. i-SAFE can provide to every school, throughout the United States the "E-Rate Certification Compliance Package." This package includes all classroom curriculum that is mandated to be taught through the Legislation mandate of the Broadband Act.

Funding will be used to expand the i-SAFE curriculum to more students and classrooms throughout the nation as well as implement the "E-Rate Compliance Package" into schools throughout the nation.

This request will also allow i-SAFE to provide, on a quarterly basis, student assessment data (i.e., metrics) to the district/schools upon request allowing them to have metrics on students behavioral attitudes towards online safety.

This Administration is focused on providing every student and school(s) the ability to communicate and learn through today's 21st century communication. Safety is a key compo-

nent for schools that provide students with the means to access online information and services within their learning environment in the classroom. Education is the diadem to the success of students being empowered with the knowledge of learning safe and responsible tactics as a citizen in today's global economy. The only environment that is conducive for every student, regardless of age, race or socio-economic, to deploy such global education, is that of the classroom. To date, over 8.5 million students nationwide have acquired the critical thinking and decision-making skills to ensure safe online behavior. The efficacy of the i-SAFE program has proven invaluable to the tax payers nationwide.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Dept of Education—National Projects—Innovation and Improvement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reading Is Fundamental

Address of Requesting Entity: 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

Description of Request: Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) (authorized under Title V, Part D, Subpart 5) prepares children to read by delivering free books and literacy resources to those children who need them most. The \$24.8 million awarded to RIF will be used to advance their efforts with improving childhood literacy.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Dept of Education—National Projects—Safe Schools and Citizenship Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Civic Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 5145 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, California 91302

Description of Request: \$25,095,000 for the Center for Civic Education to be used to support programs that educate American students about our nation's fundamental ideals and democratic values.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Dept of Education—National Projects—Safe Schools and Citizenship Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Council of Economic Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 1140 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 202, New York, New York 10036

Description of Request: \$5,019,000 for the National Council of Economic Education to support programs that educate American students about our nation's fundamental ideals and democratic values.

Requesting Member: Congressman DON YOUNG

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Dept of Education—National Projects—Innovation and Improvement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reach Out and Read National Center

Address of Requesting Entity: 56 Roland Street, Suite 100—D, Boston, MA 02129

Description of Request: Provide \$4,965,000 for reading based federally-funded national educational program that makes literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric primary care, so that children grow up with books, language skills, and the ability to read.

UP FRONT, "THE SKINNIE"

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit for the RECORD this article from "The Skinnie" written by Scott Loretto.

The W-2 summary statement detailing my '08 taxable earnings arrived by mail last week. As usual, I opened it, skimmed the numbers, cursed the government, and reminded myself to be grateful.

I try to let daydreams of bureaucratic misuse of MY fiercely-fought-for funds die there. Send the thing off to my accountant and be done with it for another year. But, it's inevitable. At some point, I'll say it. Just like you probably have. To your spouse. Your mother. Your financial advisor. Your god. Or yourself. In both anger and disbelief. "Can you believe I paid (fill in the blank with the appropriate amount) in taxes?! And for what?!"

But, the point is, you pay them. Just like I do. You might not like it. But you recognize you're not above the law. You were fortunate enough to be born under the Red, White, and Blue, or you found your way here one way or another, and you accept that the privilege comes with costs. You might be summoned to jury duty. Your conduct is bound by a set of laws. You can choose to wear the uniform of a particular service branch. And, if you earn a certain amount of money, the government's going to compel you to surrender some of it.

So, despite your political inclinations, you should be apoplectically outraged.

Timothy Geithner is a tax cheat.

Timothy Geithner is the 75th Secretary of the United States Treasury.

Among other things, the United States Treasury runs the Internal Revenue Service, the bureau responsible for collecting your taxes.

Don't be blinded by your ideology. And don't buy into the comically ridiculous notion that this is the only guy who could handle the job. Want the truth? I'll summarize Geithner's resume for you. He has ZERO meaningful private-sector experience. He has spent most of his 23-year professional life at three public-sector-focused institutions—the Treasury Department, the International Monetary Fund and The Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Is he a smart guy? Sure. He graduated from Dartmouth and earned a master's degree from Johns Hopkins. Never mind that government and Asian studies were his academic areas of concentration.

So—ONLY guy for this crucial job during this time when we've embraced (inexplicably) the notion of equivalence between the federal government and our collective savior?! Out of more than 300 million American citizens?! Are we really that naive? Forget naive—stupid. I could reproduce the resumes of my 750 classmates from the Wharton School and you'd probably find 300 that make Geithner look like an underachiever.

Moving on, we have former senator Tom Daschle. He cheated on his taxes, too. Okay, he's sorry. And, he says, it was "inadvertent." Apparent working definition of inadvertent: When you realize you're about to get caught and you've been named to the President's cabinet, call your accountant and let him know you stole from the American people. Then, start to cover your tracks. When that fails, promise to return the spoils of your theft. Finally, frown deeply and speak in somber tones as you feign

contrition in front of the cameras you conveniently assembled.

Don't misinterpret my message. I can promise you the Democrats don't hold a monopoly on deceit and defamation of the public trust. In fact, Geithner could be a Republican for all I know. And, with certainty, the House of Representatives is home to tax cheats on both sides of the aisle as I type.

Here's the point. You're giving trillions of dollars to companies that have failed or underperformed. Would you do that with your own savings? Say you own a stock. The company is doing lousy. The management stinks. The industry is dying. Would you take more of your money and double down? Or would you sell so fast your broker's head would spin and redeploy the money elsewhere.

It's a no-brainer. You don't want to own a portfolio full of dogs. You try to reward winners with good ideas. It's your money. You make the smartest choices you can.

Well, the "bailout" is exactly the opposite. It's the forced allocation of capital to institutions that haven't earned it by merit. In a capitalist economy, capital (where do you think the name came from, anyway?) flows toward opportunities that provide promising returns and away from festering sinkholes of imprudence. Guess what—you don't live in such a place anymore.

So, throw up our hands or move to Antarctica? No. We love it here. But let's start small. One simple demand. Any public employee at some predetermined level of seniority must be subjected to an IRS audit. Period. Every representative. Every senator. Every secretary and undersecretary. Refuse, and forfeit your spot.

We have the resources. Instead of randomly auditing a few thousand private citizens, redirect the resources to this end. Remember, all of these people work for us.

Oh, you argue, "Qualified people won't seek these jobs."

I respond, "If they cheat on their taxes, they're not qualified."

One more thing—something Messrs. Geithner and Daschle probably wouldn't like. If you cheat, you're out. Go try and make a living in the real world like the rest of us.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker. It is with great pride that I rise today to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Middleport, New York, a family-oriented community that nearly 2,000 Niagara County residents call home. Located just 45 minutes from Buffalo and Niagara Falls, the Village of Middleport, rich in history, has rightfully earned its "Friendly Community" moniker. The slogan came from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who stopped in Middleport while traveling along the Erie Canal. FDR rightfully called Middleport "a friendly community."

Middleport's history is closely tied to the Erie Canal. Founded in 1859, the Village quickly became a popular stopping place for workers on the historic waterway. Many residents can remember a time when dozens of barges would line the canal and workers would stop by the local mills, factories and businesses on a daily basis.

The Village prides itself on being a family-centered hamlet. It is no surprise that in 2007 BusinessWeek Magazine named Middleport the best place to raise a child in New York State because it "provides a good measure of all the things a child needs to grow and prosper."

The celebration of all these historic accomplishments wouldn't be possible without the dedication of trusted Village Historian Anna Wallace. For three decades, Anna has done an extraordinary job documenting Middleport's narrative. Her years of work in archiving the background of the Erie Canal and its role in the development of Middleport will be used for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the Village of Middleport, I ask this Honorable Body to join me in honoring the Village of Middleport and their dedicated Village Historian Anna Wallace.

COMMENDING INA GOLUB OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month and to congratulate Ina Golub of Mountainside, New Jersey who will be honored on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the 17th Annual Women of Excellence Dinner held in Union County, New Jersey.

This special annual event is hosted by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women in the Seventh Congressional District and highlights the amazing work of individuals who are making our communities better places to live. The Commission on the Status of Women recognizes the contributions of women in the fields of education, health care, the arts, government, business, law, community service, technology, public service and women's advocacy and lifetime achievement.

This year's Fine Arts Award will be given to Ina Golub whose fiber and bead artwork is known nationally and internationally. She is currently the subject of a major exhibition at the Newark Museum. Working largely with Judaic themes, Ms. Golub has created artwork for synagogues, museums, and private collectors throughout the United States and Israel, including nine monumental ark curtains, more than 450 Torah mantles, wedding canopies, hand-woven tapestries, decorative wall hangings, and a major Holocaust memorial. She has also created many rabbinical garments and prayer shawls. Awarded the Philip and Sylvia Spertus Judaica Award in 1998, and 2005, Ina's works were included in a major exhibition at the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco.

Ms. Golub is particularly known for her beaded spice containers which have received national and international recognition. Her works have also been commissioned by synagogues and private collectors, creating custom designed fiber art of all descriptions and forms.

Ina Golub of Mountainside, New Jersey has made significant achievements for her artistic talents. I am pleased to congratulate Ina Golub for her outstanding efforts and share

her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

GENERATIONS INVIGORATING VOL-
UNTEERISM AND EDUCATION
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1388) to reauthorize and reform the national service laws.

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, as a member of the National Service Caucus, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1388, the Generations Invigoration, and Education or GIVE Act.

President and First Lady Obama have encouraged a renewed spirit of service and active citizenship in America. The GIVE Act answers that call to service by reauthorizing and expanding the National and Community Service Act of 1990.

H.R. 1388 will increase national service opportunities for many more of our citizens. This bill expands AmeriCorps, an existing and outstanding service-learning program with a proven track record of integrating academic study with community service. It also creates four new service corps in the areas of clean energy, education, health care, and veteran service and adds new programs to enable middle and high-school youth and retirees to serve their communities. Finally, this bill expands the National Civilian Community Corps to include disaster relief and energy conservation and provides funds to help non-profits recruit new volunteers.

The GIVE Act more than triples the number of federal volunteers serving in our communities so that an estimated 250,000 Americans will be able to participate in a year of service by 2014. These extra volunteers will help their neighbors endure these tough economic times by improving education, providing food and other services to the disadvantaged, and rebuilding towns and cities after disasters. This bill will also strengthen the economy because every dollar invested in service produces up to \$3.90 in direct, measurable benefits.

Volunteerism is growing in America. From 2002 to 2007, one million more citizens across the country started dedicating their time to worthy causes. Twenty-seven percent of all Americans are now volunteering. My state of Minnesota has a proud tradition of civic engagement. In a study conducted by the Corporation for National and Community Service, Minneapolis-St. Paul was ranked number one for volunteer rates in a large city.

American men and women who choose to better their communities and themselves by responding to the nation's critical education, safety, homeland security, and health needs exemplify the values of America. I want to thank every American volunteer and urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

HONORING MAYOR CAROLYN
RISHER OF INGLIS, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true public servant who dedicated nearly two decades to serving her community. Mrs. Carolyn Risher, long time mayor of Inglis, Florida will retire this week after 18 years of public service.

Born and raised in Inglis, Mayor Risher's dedication to the town of Inglis is deep seeded. She followed her father's example, first serving as Road and Bridge Commissioner before being elected mayor in 1993.

Fondly known as a "Working Mayor," Mayor Risher led by example as hands-on manager, from helping neighbors in the aftermath of hurricanes to raising funds for the annual community Fourth of July celebration. Without Mayor Risher's efforts, the South Levy Recreation Park would not be what it is today.

Mayor Risher cherished her roles as wife, mother and mayor. Married for 50 years, Carolyn and James Risher are parents to five children and eight grandchildren, many who live in the area and will continue the family's involvement in their community.

Madam Speaker, it is public servants like Mayor Risher who keep our communities and towns running strong at home. Her dedication and willingness to serve are admired and stand as a model to others. We thank her for her service. She may no longer be Mayor, but Mrs. Risher will not be forgotten and will surely be missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed due to personal reasons.

On Monday, March 23, 2009 I missed Rollcall votes 145 and 146. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the following votes:

Rollcall vote 145: Yes on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 918, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building";

Rollcall vote 146: Yes on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1218, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building".

COMMENDING BALDEEP DUA OF
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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Tuesday, March 24, 2009

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This special annual event is hosted by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women in the Seventh Congressional District and highlights the amazing work of individuals who are making our communities better places to live. The Commission on the Status of Women recognizes the contributions of women in the fields of education, health care, the arts, government, business, law, community service, technology, public service and women's advocacy and lifetime achievement.

This year's Entrepreneurial Award will be given to Baldeep Dua because of her extensive leadership, management skills and efforts to benefit her community. Specifically, Baldeep utilizes her management skills in her position as the Chief Financial Officer of Kirusa Inc., an international communications Technology Company located in New Providence, New Jersey. Through her position as CFO, Baldeep has managed to steer her technologically oriented start-up company that is a leading developer of value added mobile services, towards its goal of profitability.

Baldeep is active as an advisor to the New Jersey Technological Council, a group that connects companies, capital and government. Members are involved in research, development, manufacture, supply, and sales of high technology products, services, materials and components. Under her direction, the company is the proud recipient of the Business Employment Incentive Program, recognized as a high-growth company in the critical industry of technology.

Baldeep is also a member of the Board for The Indus Entrepreneur, a group that fosters entrepreneurship globally through mentoring, networking and education. Dedicated to giving back to the community, this group is focused on cultivating and nurturing the next generation of entrepreneurs. In 2008, Baldeep was recognized by the Executive Women of New Jersey for her professional distinction. Through this association she mentors other women, encouraging them to take charge and advance their own careers.

Baldeep Dua of Berkely Heights, New Jersey has made significant achievements both in business and in her community. And I am very pleased to congratulate Baldeep for her outstanding efforts and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

STEPHEN MARCHAM OF VERNON,
CONNECTICUT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the extraordinary life of Stephen Marcham of Vernon, Connecticut who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on March 19, 2009.

Steve Marcham was a lifelong resident of Vernon, a town he loved dearly. Steve attended Rockville High School and later enrolled at the University of Connecticut where he earned his degree from the School of Pharmacy. After graduation, Steve returned to Vernon, Connecticut and became co-owner of Vincent's Pharmacy where he had worked since high school. During his more than 30 years at Vincent's, Steve was recognized for his outstanding community service when he received the A. H. Robbins Bowl of Hygeia Award, the Pharmacy Leadership Award from the National Association of Retail Druggists and the 2006 Daniel Leone Pharmacist of the Year award from the Connecticut Pharmacists Association. As his customers could tell you, Steve's care and compassion for his fellow man found their outlet within the walls of Vincent's.

In addition to his service as a community pharmacist, Steve had a deep passion for public service. It was here in the public arena that Steve created a lasting mark as a progressive who built consensus with one overriding goal: improving his community. In 1969 while still attending the University of Connecticut, Steve became the youngest official elected to public office when he won a seat on the Board of Education. After serving on the Board of Education for a number of terms, Steve was elected to the Town Council before being appointed in 1986 to serve as the Mayor, a position which he held until 1989. A decade later, he was re-elected to that office. As Mayor, Steve was well known for his efforts to bridge the political divide. Above all of his political achievements, however, it was the kindness and grace of Steve that endeared him to both his colleagues and the people of Vernon.

Even more than his impressive success as a health care provider and public official, Steve was a wonderful parent and husband. He was part of a beautiful family including his wife Jan and daughter Ashley. They did everything together—trips to Cape Cod, campaigning together for office, attending Ashley's marching band events and family gatherings with the Marchams and the Bozcars.

Steve was a true example and inspiration to us all showing how to balance work, community and family flawlessly. He was in many ways a Jimmy Stewart-like figure from "It's a Wonderful Life." It was an honor to have known him and worked with him during my years in the state legislature and the Congress.

For those of us who knew him and had the honor and privilege to call him a friend, this is a difficult time. To Janice, his wife, Ashley, his daughter, and his beloved mother Frances, we offer our sympathy and thanks for allowing Steve to be a part of our lives. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and service of Steve Marcham.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the anniversary of Greek independence, which occurred on March 25, 1821. It's been one hundred and eighty-eight years since Greece obtained freedom from the oppressive Ottoman Empire.

Like our own American Founding Fathers, the people of Greece fought valiantly to achieve independence from a sprawling empire that treated its citizens like subjects. The Greek revolutionaries also drew much of their authority from European philosophers, much like our forefathers who were motivated by classical and English values. A culture steeped in such a rich tradition, such as Greece, can be celebrated by all Americans. As the birthplace of democracy, Greece has informed numerous self-government efforts across the world.

The celebration of Greek independence coincides with a Greek Orthodox holiday, the Annunciation of the Theotokos. Yet Greece's bloody struggle for independence from the Ottoman Empire bears little resemblance to the peaceful appearance of the Archangel Gabriel. The Greeks endured atrocities such as the Chios Massacre, the massacre of Heraklion, and the Destruction of Psara; most of these conflicts were religiously motivated and they highlight the Greek dedication to freedom.

After eight years of brutal fighting, the Greek people were finally able to achieve independence. The Treaty of Constantinople was signed in July 1832, giving Greece its independence from the Ottoman Empire.

I am honored to cosponsor H.J. Res. 39, which recognizes the 188th anniversary of the independence of Greece. Furthermore, I am pleased that this bill is scheduled to be considered by the House of Representatives today.

I would again like to congratulate Greece for celebrating such a momentous occasion. This anniversary is a time to remember the sacrifices of the past, to take pride in your nation, and to look ahead to a future of promise.

COMMENDING MILDRED LEWIS OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month and to congratulate Mildred Lewis of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey who will be honored on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the 17th Annual Women of Excellence Dinner held in Union County, New Jersey.

This special annual event is hosted by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women in the Seventh Congressional District and highlights the amazing work of individuals who are making our communities better places to live. The Commission on the Status of Women recognizes the contributions of

women in the fields of education, health care, the arts, government, business, law, community service, technology, public service and women's advocacy and lifetime achievement.

This year's Civic Leadership Award will be given to Mildred Lewis because of her extensive commitment to making our community a better place. For 15 years, Mildred has served as the president of the Cranford Chapter of the League of Women Voters, coordinating candidates' forums at both the municipal and county levels. Mildred has conducted voter registration drives and prepared and distributed educational materials about voters' rights and ballot initiatives regarding education, women's issues, and natural resources.

Mildred is also a member of the Roselle-Cranford Hadassah where she is active in many aspects, including the Bulletin, American Affairs, and fund-raising dinners. Ms. Lewis also worked as a full time volunteer at Alexian Brothers Hospital in Elizabeth, New Jersey where she manages volunteers. Mildred also volunteered at Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim as the kitchen coordinator, where she plans and creates meals for more than 100 people.

Mildred has also been active in the Cranford Historical Society and is a member of several other Jewish organizations, including National Council of Jewish Women and the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim.

Mrs. Lewis and her husband George have been married for more than 60 years. They have three children and four grandchildren.

Mildred Lewis of Cranford, New Jersey has made significant contributions to so many in her community. I am pleased to congratulate Mildred Lewis for her outstanding efforts and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

HONORING WILLIAM "BILLY" THOMAS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues and the entire nation, the work of my constituent William "Billy" Thomas. Mr. Thomas is a great man who will be honored by the citizens of Mount Vernon, New York for his lifelong work. It is a body of work that has always personified actions that go way beyond the call of duty. The City of Mount Vernon, New York, will rename South Sixth Avenue William "Billy" Thomas Boulevard, after its beloved local and national pioneer in youth development.

William "Billy" Thomas began working at the Mount Vernon (NY) Boys' Club (MVBC) in 1955. Over the next 22 years he rose from athletic to program to camp and finally to Executive Director. During each and every year, young men were placed in his skillful hands and taught the values of life, service to community, sportsmanship, courage, integrity and respect for self and others. He became an icon, a living legend for his work in inspiring young people to pursue and live positive and progressive family and professional lives.

In 1968, duty to his nation called. Mr. Thomas took leave from his work and joined the United States Army to serve in Vietnam. He

returned to the Boys' Club in 1971 to continue his work and improve the life skills and lives of young men in the community. He has served the Mount Vernon community in various capacities for over 45 years. Mr. Thomas's accomplishments are too many to site, but a few must be noted.

In 1993, Mr. Thomas was joined by Denzel Washington, as they received The Boys and Girls Club of America Connection Magazines Mentor Magic Award. In 1997 Mr. Thomas received the "Man of the Year Award" from the National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Club of New Rochelle, New York.

Mr. Thomas worked with countless young people in an effort to either turn their lives around, or continue their lives on a positive path. Over the years, Mr. Thomas mentored thousands of young people. Some are now doctors, lawyers, bus drivers, ministers, fathers and mothers as well as the current executive director of the Mount Vernon Club—Lowes Moore. Mr. Thomas also influenced several former NBA players: brothers Gus and Ray Williams, as well as Calvin "Scooter" and Rodney McCray. Mr. Thomas always went about his work without praise or formal recognition. He has taught all the young people that entered the club that each has a responsibility to lend a hand to those less fortunate. His actions speak volumes as he worked with special needs children in New Rochelle and White Plains, New York. He also volunteered his services in many areas that included teaching chess, reading, a Youth Commissioner for the City of New Rochelle and of course, a basketball coach.

Mr. Thomas sacrificed a great deal to give back to his community. It is only fitting that the community honor his deeds by renaming the street in front of the Boys Club William "Billy" Thomas Boulevard. This is testament that hard work and dedication are appreciated by the community and that the seeds sowed will blossom for many years to come. The renaming of South Sixth Avenue to "William Billy Thomas Boulevard" is an important testament to the hundreds of lives nurtured on this block at this Boys' and Girls' Club under his leadership and care.

We in Congress share the City of Mount Vernon's recognition of William "Billy" Thomas's outstanding life with the nation.

PAULE MARSHALL—HONORING A
NEW YORK CITY LITERARY GREAT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to acknowledge Paule Marshall, a renowned American author and poet who published her first novel, "Brown Girl, Brownstones", 50 years ago, and served as an influential trailblazer for emerging black female writers in the 60s and 70s.

I introduce into the RECORD an article from the New York Times of March 12, 2009 highlighting the career of Paule Marshall and her new publication titled "Triangular Road", a memoir that follows her early years as a writer.

Born in Brooklyn, NY to Caribbean parents and raised in a Bedford-Stuyvesant brown-

stone, Ms. Marshall brought a unique voice to the literary genre. She captured, in a fine balance, the stories of West Indian life emerged in American culture. It is no surprise that Langston Hughes selected her to accompany him on a tour of Europe in 1965.

Over the last 50 years, she has consistently remained relevant, publishing 2 collections of short stories and five novels, while simultaneously teaching at various universities, including Yale and New York University.

Ms. Marshall has received many awards and honors throughout her career, including an American Book Award and a John Dos Passos Award of Literature. She was a MacArthur Fellow and designated as a Literary Lion by the New York Public Library in 1994. In 2001, Marshall was inducted into the Celebrity Path at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

At this time, I would like to honor this distinguished New York City literary figure and offer recognition of the work she has contributed to American literature.

CELEBRATING COLONEL CHRISTOPHER O'CONNOR, COMMANDING OFFICER OF MIRAMAR MARINE CORPS AIR STATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Colonel Christopher O'Connor, Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar (MCAS, Miramar) which I have the pleasure of representing. Colonel O'Connor has served his country with distinction for over twenty years and I wish him nothing but the best as a new chapter in his life begins.

Colonel O'Connor was born and raised in New York where he received his commission through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) at the University of Rochester in May of 1979. Since then, he has participated in humanitarian relief operations while deployed to the Republic of the Philippines, served as the Aviation Department's action officer for Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) issues and aviation training range systems and reported to the Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense where he served as the Country Director for Australia and New Zealand.

In August 2006, Colonel O'Connor took over as Commanding Officer of MCAS, Miramar where he has excelled in working with local leaders while representing the Marine Corp with professionalism and distinction to communities surrounding the base and San Diego County as a whole. Colonel O'Connor's decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal.

I applaud the good service that Colonel O'Connor has provided this country. He has been an absolute pleasure to work with throughout his tenure and I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating this great American.

HONORING THE HEROIC ACTIONS
OF CHAD LINDSEY

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery of Chad Lindsey, a constituent of mine who jumped onto the New York subway tracks to rescue a fellow passenger that had fallen.

On March 16, 2009, Mr. Lindsey was waiting for the subway at Penn Station in New York City when he saw a man fall onto the track and hit his head.

Knowing that a train was coming shortly, Mr. Lindsey courageously jumped onto the subway track. The man who fell was unconscious, and despite repeated attempts did not wake up. Yet, with the lights of the train coming toward them, Mr. Lindsey knew he had to act and used all his strength to pull the man to the platform edge and, with the help of others, lifted him to safety.

Thanks to Mr. Lindsey's quick thinking and selfless actions, the injured man was taken to the hospital and later released. Mr. Lindsey, having done his part, got on the next train, ready to go back to his everyday life as a working New York City actor.

In the days since the incident, Mr. Lindsey has tried to resist the attempts of the media to label him a "hero". But this is exactly what he is.

He did not hesitate before rushing to help someone else in need, even though his actions put himself at risk. For Mr. Lindsey, this act of bravery came naturally.

His courageous act reminded us that there are people willing to put themselves in danger for the sake of others. He sets an example that we all should strive toward.

I applaud Chad Lindsey for his brave actions, and I am so proud to call him both a constituent and hero.

COMMENDING PATRICIA MURPHY
OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month and to congratulate Patricia Murphy of Springfield, New Jersey who will be honored on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the 17th Annual Women of Excellence Dinner held in Union County, New Jersey.

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This year's Lifetime Achievement Award will be given to Patricia Murphy because of her extensive lifetime achievements. Presently,

Patricia is a professor at the Muhlenberg Snyder School of Nursing. She is also involved in various professional nursing organizations, social and civic groups, and church activities in Springfield. Patricia is certified as a teacher of practical nursing and a school nurse in the state of New Jersey.

During her extensive career, Patricia Murphy has been an adjunct professor at Kean University and Felician College, staff nurse at Overlook Hospital, Obstetrics and Community Health Instructor, Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist, full time Medical/Surgical Nursing III Instructor and as such has been honored with a distinguished Nursing Alumni Award, American Cancer Society Certificate of Appreciation, outstanding alumna award of Seton Hall University School of Nursing, and New Jersey State Nurses Association Medical-Surgical Nurse of the Year.

In addition to her nursing career, Patricia Murphy has written several articles for professional journals and presented a number of lectures and programs throughout Central New Jersey, focusing on the well-being of cancer patients, their families and the nursing care they receive. She has also developed, planned, and implemented the first on-line nursing course offered through Muhlenburg in conjunction with Union County College. Patricia is also the Parish Nurse Ministry coordinator at St. James Church in Springfield. She has also served as the past president of the Summit Area AARP.

Patricia Murphy of Springfield, New Jersey has made significant contributions to her community and led a long distinguished career. I am pleased to congratulate her and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

THE 60 TO 55 RESERVE COMPONENT RETIREMENT ACT

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the 60 to 55 Reserve Component Retirement Act.

Given the increasing demands placed on the brave men and women who serve as citizen soldiers in the Reserve Component, it is time to recognize and reward them in a more timely fashion. The current age requirement for Reserve Component to begin receiving retirement pay is 60 years old, whereas the Active Duty may begin receiving retirement pay as soon as they serve their 20 years, which in some cases, may be as early as age 38. The age limitation placed on the Reserve Component was set in 1948, when the Reserve Component was a much different force. Since 9/11, the National Guard and Reserves have expanded beyond their traditional bounds into a fully functional, combat-ready, and deployable partner to the Active Duty Armed Forces. This shift in use to a full partner has placed tremendous strains on the men and women of the Guard and Reserves.

The legislation I am introducing with Congresswoman GABRIELLE GIFFORDS of Arizona will lower the age at which Reserve Component servicemembers can begin receiving their retirement pay from age 60 to age 55. This

vital legislation will help close the gap between the Active Duty and Reserve Component retirement age, which will improve recruitment efforts and be more fair to the men and women serving in the National Guard and Reserve.

HONORING FORMER DELEGATE
MICHAEL WEIR, SR.

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Michael Weir, Sr., a longtime Maryland legislator and public servant who is celebrating his 85th birthday.

Mike Weir, Sr. was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on March 24, 1924. He attended Baltimore County Public Schools and continued his education at Essex Community College and the University of Maryland. After he finished school he worked as a Masonry contractor through his company Mike Weir and Sons.

Mike served with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific during World War II, entering World War II in March of 1943 as a member of the U.S. Army with the 124th Infantry 31st Division. He was attached to the Reconnaissance Platoon as a medic and served in the South Pacific in New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies and the Philippines. Mike Weir, Sr. was honorably discharged in December of 1945.

Mike Weir Sr. served for 28 years in the Maryland House of Delegates representing communities from Essex in Baltimore County to Fallston in Harford County. He served in the House of Delegates from January 8, 1975 to January 8, 2003, representing first District 7 and then District 6 (Baltimore County & Harford County). He served as the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas from 1984–2003, and as a member of the Tort and Insurance Reform Oversight Committee in 1993. He served on the House Environmental Matters Committee from 1975–2003 and as Vice-Chair of the committee from 1995–2003. During his tenure he served on the agriculture, environment & natural resources, and health subcommittees. Mike also served as a member of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee from 1995–2003.

Mike served as a member of the Chesapeake Bay Commission from 1984–2003, a member of the Migratory Waterfowl Advisory Committee since 1991, and the Maryland Recycling Advisory Group from 1995–1997. Mike is respected throughout the State of Maryland for his deep commitment to sportsman and environmental issues, especially those that relate to the Chesapeake Bay.

In honor of his years of service in the Maryland General Assembly, the Mike Weir, Sr. Scholarship Fund was established at the Community Colleges of Baltimore County to assist local college students.

Mike's enjoyment of the political world is evidenced by his memberships in the Fifth District, Fifteenth District, Riverside, Bird River, Norris, Deep Creek and East End Democratic Clubs. Mike is also a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Hawks and the Federation of Independent Business Men. Mike and his wife Clara have six children, many grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Mike Weir, Sr. has dedicated his life to the citizens and environment of the State of Maryland. Therefore, Madame Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Mike as he celebrates his 85th birthday.

IN HONOR OF NATALIE WOLFE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Natalie Wolfe for her brilliant career as a child advocate. She has distinguished herself through her dedication to ensuring that all children are afforded the right to quality childcare services.

After losing her daughter due to the negligence of an unlicensed child-care provider, Natalie has committed herself as a driving force in the State of Indiana to increasing awareness about the need for child-care reform. As a result, she has helped establish the Indiana Association for Child Care Resource & Referral Better Baby Program. As a voice for thousands of parents who have suffered from similar circumstances, Natalie participated heavily in the passage of Reagan's Law.

Earlier this month, Natalie represented Hoosier families in Washington, D.C. at the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies' (NACCRRA) National Policy Symposium. This conference allowed Natalie to meet with other child-care advocates and policy makers on the importance of passing sound legislation that protects and safeguards young children.

I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking Natalie Wolfe for her dedicated public service. Her efforts should inspire us all to recommit ourselves to ensuring that the growing child-care needs of our nation's children are effectively met.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding the House Appropriations Committee appropriated for the following national projects my colleagues and I requested as part of FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act, H.R. 1105:

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Education, Innovation and Improvement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reach Out and Read

Address of Requesting Entity: 56 Roland Street, Suite 100D, Boston, MA 02129-1243

Description of Request: \$4,965,000 for the Reach Out and Read Program, authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to make literacy programs a standard part of pediatric primary care, trains doctors and nurses to train parents, and helps

families and communities encourage early literacy skills. Specifically, this funding will be used to ensure that all children and families receive the support and assistance they need to develop these skills and children are prepared to start kindergarten ready to learn. I support the funding of this nation-wide program and note that Delaware does not benefit more from this funding more than any other state.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Education, Innovation and Improvement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Teach for America

Address of Requesting Entity: 315 West 36th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10018

Description of Request: \$14,895,000 for the Teach for America Program, authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to provide for recruiting, selecting, training, and supporting a national teacher corps in underserved communities. I support the funding of this nation-wide program and note that Delaware does not benefit more from this funding more than any other state.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Education, Safe Schools and Citizenship Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Civic Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 5145 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, CA 91302-1440

Description of Request: \$25,095,000 for Center for Civic Education's We the People Program and Cooperative Education Exchange Program, authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as part of the Civic Education Program to support programs which represent the federal government's most effective means of educating American students about the fundamental ideals of our nation and to assist emerging democracies in establishing a political culture supportive of democratic values, principles, and institutions. I support the funding of this nation-wide program and note that Delaware does not benefit more from this funding more than any other state.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Education, Safe Schools and Citizenship Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Civic Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 5145 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, CA 91302-1440

Description of Request: \$5,019,000 for Center for Civic Education's National Council of Economic Education for cooperative Education Exchange Program, authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as part of the Civic Education Program to support programs which represent the federal government's most effective means of educating American students about the fundamental ideals of our nation and to assist emerging democracies in establishing a political culture supportive of democratic values, principles, and institutions. I support the funding of this nation-wide program and note that Delaware

does not benefit more from this funding more than any other state.

CONGRATULATING MS. CAROL ROBINSON

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the members of the General Daniel "Chappie" James American Legion Auxiliary Post 776, located in my congressional district in Riverside Ohio, for the service its members have given to our nation and our community.

Ms. Carol T. Robinson has completed a successful year as the 2007-2008 Department of Ohio President of the American Legion Auxiliary. She is the first African-American woman to hold the office. Ms. Robinson joined the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 776 through her late brother, William A. Hawkins, a U.S. Army veteran during the Korean War.

Ms. Robinson organized a project with Sew Much Comfort, a local nonprofit organization, to supply adaptive clothing for hospitalized amputee service members. For the 89th Department of Ohio American Legion Convention held last July in Dayton, she asked each attendee to bring a donation for our troops. Ultimately, Ms. Robinson sorted, packed and shipped 48 boxes (503.7 pounds) for our wounded warriors. This summer, at the National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary held in Phoenix, Arizona, Ms. Robinson accepted four National Awards, several Central Division Awards and Certificates for Auxiliary programs conducted during her administration.

The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest, nonprofit, patriotic women's service organization whose members do volunteer work for a multitude of worthwhile causes which benefit American's veterans, children and communities. It is my privilege to recognize Ms. Carol Robinson and the members of the General Daniel "Chappie" James American Legion Auxiliary Post 776 for their leadership and service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, on Monday, March 9, 2009 I did not vote due to my attendance of the funeral of Los Angeles Police Department's Deputy Chief Kenneth O. Garner. Deputy Chief Garner attended schools in the California 37th District, commanded over many stations in my district and was instrumental to the success of the Watts Gang Task Force evident by the busloads of residents who attended his service. Deputy Chief Garner will be remembered for his 30 years of service to the Los Angeles community and his achievement of greater respect and peace within the police department and the African American/Latino neighborhoods. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 110, No. 111 and No. 112.

A TRIBUTE MR. JODIE BAILEY

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jodie Bailey a Missouri coaching and community legend. Mr. Bailey had a positive influence in the sport of basketball, in the lives of the young men he coached and his community.

My first encounter with Mr. Bailey was 45 years ago at the age of 7 years old. He was Head Camp Counselor for Camp Rivercliff of the YMCA, where I attend summer camp. He had a positive impact on my life at an impressionable age and helped make me the man I am today.

Mr. Bailey set unprecedented records and won championships over the span of 42 seasons at three different area St. Louis Public High schools. He had an outstanding record of 824 wins with only 198 losses. He coached many great sports stars, including the late Elston Howard of the New York Yankees and the Boston Celtics Jo Jo White. His accomplishments led him to be inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 1989.

He put an emphasis on teaching fundamentals in the game of basketball. He always worked to get young people to be the best they could be. In addition, Mr. Bailey was a teacher who took time to make personal investments in each of his student's lives, which they remember until this day.

Mr. Bailey always sought to impart knowledge into the people that came into his life. He was a tenacious but mild-mannered coach; always ready to give constructive and encouraging words of advice.

His success as a coach spanned four decades including the turbulent 1950's and 60's that included segregation and the Civil Rights movement. He continued coaching through the 1980's. Mr. Bailey was a role model on and off of the court teaching integrity and self-respect to his players. He was a respected community leader and viewed as a "Godly" man.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Bailey, a man of humility and passion who's influence surpassed his coaching success. He made a difference in all the lives he touched. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Jodie Bailey, coaching and life legend.

IN HONOR OF BROTHER DIETRICH REINHART

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of service of Brother Dietrich Reinhart, President Emeritus of Saint John's University in Collegeville, MN. Brother Reinhart faithfully served his community since 1967 in various roles as a student, professor, dean and finally, as President of the University.

His accomplishments at Saint John's are numerous and have impacted so many students' everyday life. As liturgy director in

1983, Brother Reinhart led the committee on the revision of the Liturgy of the Hours at Saint John's Abbey, a version that is still used in public prayer services. Brother Reinhart oversaw the completion of student housing units, academic buildings, sports facilities, a student center and the art center as well as implementing the educational Core Curriculum and developing new majors in Peace Studies and in Communications to accommodate both the increasing number of students and the rising student academic profile.

In November of 2008, after being diagnosed with malignant metastatic melanoma, Brother Reinhardt commented that "Saint John's is a community where people stand by each other—they care about each other—and that there is always room in this community". Brother Reinhardt passed away at the retirement center at St. John's Abbey on December 29, 2008. He will be deeply missed by his community and it is my honor to rise with the thousands of students whose lives he enriched to recognize his life and his accomplishments before you today.

COMMENDING JANET MALKO OF
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month and to congratulate Janet Malko of Garwood, New Jersey who will be honored on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the 17th Annual Women of Excellence Dinner held in Union County, New Jersey.

This special annual event is held by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women in the Seventh Congressional District to highlight the amazing work of individuals who are making our communities better places to live. The Commission on the Status of Women organization seeks to recognize the contributions of women in the fields of education, health care, the arts, government, business, law, community service, technology, public service, women's advocacy and lifetime achievement.

This year's Lifetime Achievement Award for Education will be given to Janet Malko. Janet Malko has been associated with St. Mary of the Assumption High School, located in Elizabeth, New Jersey for forty years. She first served as a teacher and is currently the school's principal. She has been involved in nearly every facet of the educational process. In addition to her duties as principal, she teaches two math classes, greets students each day and knows most of them by name. Ms. Malko is sensitive to the unique needs of each student, handling each with compassion, helps struggling students, and offers support and encouragement to students and their families. She sets a positive tone for the school, encouraging her faculty to provide the student body with a strong foundation of discipline, tolerance, respect, integrity, self-reliance and confidence, while stressing the importance of a solid education, civic responsibility, and community service.

Under her leadership, the students at St. Mary's have succeeded academically, with

over 87 percent of the 2008 graduating class attending four year colleges and universities on full academic scholarships, totally over 5 million dollars.

Janet Malko has made a difference in the lives of her students and has been a positive role model instilling the qualities of resilience and perseverance. She made significant achievements in education.

I am pleased to congratulate Janet Malko for her outstanding efforts and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

RECOGNIZING AND REMEMBERING
PETER J. COURCY, AND HIS
SERVICE TO THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today in memory of one of our nation's bravest and finest men who gave his life protecting our nation and its citizens. Corporal Peter J. Courcy, who served in Afghanistan as a part of the 4th Platoon, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on February 10th of 2009.

Courcy, a graduate of Frisco High School, was known by others for his positive outlook on life. Serving his country in the military was a lifelong dream of his, which he fulfilled when he joined the Army in 2006. He had ambitions to become part of Army Special Forces. His commitment to his country was so strong that he was willing to endure the pain of being away from his family—including his wife and newborn son, who live in The Colony, Texas. Corporal Courcy was preparing to end his tour in Afghanistan and return home to see his family when he was killed.

Corporal Courcy will forever remain in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers. It is my honor to have represented Corporal Peter J. Courcy in the 26th District of Texas, and I extend my sincerest condolences to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and the nation will be forever grateful for his honorable service.

HONORING COMMISSIONER MIKE
FRANCIS OF SUMTER COUNTY,
FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who dedicated many years and his final days to serving his community. Sumter County Commissioner Mike Francis passed away after a months long struggle with an illness. At a young 70, Mr. Francis was taken too soon.

Originally from Chicago, Mr. Francis first served as a Lady Lake Commissioner before being elected Sumter County Commissioner in 2004. A principled and passionate leader, he served as Chairman of the County Board in 2006 and 2007.

Mr. Francis was one of the first from The Villages to serve on the board. He was a tireless and vocal advocate for issues related to the Villages. He fought to reduce taxes for the community and promoted increased fiscal accountability county wide.

A well-loved family man, Mr. Francis leaves behind his wife Pat. The Francises have five grown children, including one foster child, and seven grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it is public servants like Mr. Francis that keep our communities and counties running strong at home. His dedication and willingness to serve are admired and stand as a model to others. We thank him for his service. He will be missed.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that I support for inclusion in H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009.

Amount: \$34,451,000

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction

Entity receiving funds: Army Corps of Engineers located at 441 G St NW, Washington, DC 20314.

Description: Funds will be used to deepen the navigation channel from the mouth of the Columbia River to the Portland/Vancouver area.

Amount: \$12,078,000

Account: US Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Entity receiving funds: US Bureau of Reclamation located at 115 N Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

Description: Funds will be used to operate the Columbia Basin irrigation project.

Amount: \$916,000

Account: US Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Entity receiving funds: US Bureau of Reclamation located at 115 N Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

Description: Funds will be used to complete a study to address a depleted aquifer that farmers are dependent upon for irrigation water.

Amount: \$145,000

Account: US Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Entity receiving funds: US Bureau of Reclamation located at 115 N Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

Description: Funds will be used for critical Reclamation activities within Washington state.

Amount: \$8,172,000

Account: US Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Account: Federal Highway Administration: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Entity receiving funds: Kittitas County Public Works located at 411 North Ruby Street, Suite 1, Ellensburg, WA 98926.

Description: This funding will be used to widen a portion of the Kittitas Highway.

Amount: \$1,757,500

Account: Federal Transit Administration: Buses and Bus Facilities

Entity receiving funds: Ben Franklin Transit located at 1000 Columbia Park Trail, Richland, WA 99352.

Description: This funding will enable Ben Franklin Transit to expand its current bus facility.

Amount: \$475,000

Account: Federal Transit Administration: Buses and Bus Facilities

Entity receiving funds: Grant Transit Authority located at 9 Basin Street Southwest, Suite 102, Ephrata, WA 98823.

Description: This funding will be used for a new operations and bus maintenance facility in Moses Lake, Washington.

Amount: \$798,000

Account: Housing and Urban Development: Economic Development Initiative

Entity receiving funds: City of Roslyn located at 1st and Pennsylvania, Roslyn, WA 98941.

Description: This funding will be used to provide structural upgrades and other improvements to Roslyn's City Hall building, so that this 106 year-old building can continue to serve as a civic, cultural and community center.

Amount: \$500,000

Account: U.S. Department of Justice

Entity receiving funds: City of Yakima located at 129 North 2nd Street, Yakima, WA 98901.

Description: These funds will be used to develop a system that allows all the public safety agencies in Yakima County to integrate their data communications and records systems. This system will provide comprehensive data to all local law enforcement officials, as well as federal and state agencies. It will give the various law enforcement agencies the tools they need to address the gang and drug problems in the region.

Amount: \$1,000,000

Account: U.S. Department of Justice

Entity receiving funds: US Bureau of Reclamation located at 115 N Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

Description: Funds will be used for the US Bureau of Reclamation Yakima Project.

Amount: \$7,793,000

Account: US Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Entity receiving funds: US Bureau of Reclamation located at 115 N Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

Description: Funds will be used to improve the water supply for irrigation and increase flows for fish.

Amount: \$500,000

Account: US Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Entity receiving funds: US Bureau of Reclamation located at 115 N Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

Description: Funds will be used for Yakima River Basin water storage.

Amount: \$2,185,000

Account: Federal Highway Administration: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Entity receiving funds: City of Kennewick located at 210 West 6th Avenue, Kennewick, WA 99336.

Description: This funding will extend Steptoe Street, a major roadway through Kennewick and Richland. This project will assist in relieving traffic congestion on Columbia Center Boulevard.

Amount: \$570,000

Account: Federal Highway Administration: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Entity receiving funds: City of Union Gap located at 102 West Ahtanum Road, Union Gap, WA 98903.

Description: This funding will make improvements to Valley Mall Boulevard in the City of Union Gap. It will alleviate safety hazards and provide access to growing commercial areas.

Amount: \$736,250

Account: Federal Aviation Administration: Airport Improvements

Entity receiving funds: Pangborn Memorial Airport located at 1 Pangborn Drive, East Wenatchee, WA 98802.

Description: This funding will make modifications to the passenger terminal at the Pangborn Memorial Airport to accommodate larger commercial aircraft service.

Amount: \$332,500

Entity receiving funds: Washington State Meth Initiative located at 510 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA 98402.

Description: These funds will be used to fight methamphetamine in Washington state.

Amount: \$2,192,000

Account: Agriculture Research Service—Buildings and Construction

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: These funds will help construct an ARS research facility in Pullman to provide a research facility for more than 40 ARS scientists and programs.

Amount: \$254,000

Account: Agriculture Research Service

Entity receiving funds: Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research located at 4845 Southwest Dresden Avenue, Corvallis, OR 97333.

Description: This funding will provide enhanced research on small fruit pathology. In addition, the funds will be used for site feasibility and design for new facilities.

Amount: \$245,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: This money will support research into the biomass potential of *aegilops cylindricum* and similar grassy weeds.

Amount: \$469,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: This funding will support the International Marketing Program for Agricultural Commodities and Trade Center which applies science and technology to develop new export marketing opportunities.

Amount: \$235,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: This funding will support a multi-state effort to improve efficiency of the U.S. dry pea, fresh pea, lentil, and chickpea industries.

Amount: \$248,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: Funds will be used for research on organic cropping systems, nutrient and soil management and organic seed production.

Amount: \$1,037,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: Funds will be used for research on potato production including varietal development testing.

Amount: \$471,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: This will fund research to locate and characterize genes to use in applied barley breeding.

Amount: \$307,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Northwest Center for Small Fruit Research located at 4845 SW Dresden Ave., Corvallis, OR 97333

Description: Funds will be used for research on berry and grape crops, including plant breeding and pest management.

Amount: \$444,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: Funds will be used to develop planting systems that reduce soil erosion.

Amount: \$223,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: Funds will be used to develop virus-free plant material for wine grapes.

Amount: \$173,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: Funds will be used to develop technologies that increase the competitiveness of the domestic asparagus industry.

Amount: \$761,000

Account: Health, Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Entity receiving funds: Douglas, Grant, Lincoln and Okanogan Counties Public Hospital District #6, located at 411 Fortuyn Rd, Grand Coulee, WA 99133.

Description: Funds will be used for facilities and equipment for the hospital.

Amount: \$809,000

Account: Health, Resources and Services Administration Health Facilities and Services
Entity receiving funds: Kadlec Medical Center, located at 888 Swift Blvd., Richland, WA 99352

Description: Funds will be used to construct and equip a new Pediatric Unit.

RECOGNIZING EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL IN RIALTO, CALIFORNIA, FOR WINNING THE DIVISION 2 STATE TITLE IN BOY'S BASKETBALL

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the boy's basketball team at Eisenhower high school, in my hometown of Rialto, for winning the California Interscholastic Federation Division 2 state title on Friday, March 20.

The Eisenhower Eagles ended their 32–3 season with a 73–61 victory over the Rocklin Thunder. Friday's win was the 23rd consecutive victory for the Eagles, and occurred in front of a crowd of over 10,000 in Sacramento.

Eisenhower's remarkable run to the state title came after a 28–3 regular season, and playoff victories over state powerhouse Loyola, and a win against high rated Leuzinger.

Their historic victory marks the first ever California Interscholastic Federation state title for a school from San Bernardino County.

Everyone said they were too small, but led by head coach Steve Johnson, the undersized Eisenhower squad achieved victory against a taller Rocklin team by causing turnovers with quick-handed tactics and dominating the Thunder in transition points up and down the court.

Coach Johnson has led the Eagles program back to greatness only two years after taking a several year hiatus from coaching.

I specifically want to recognize all 9 Eisenhower players, and thank Andrew Bock, Bryan Bock, Alex Varner, Nicholas Carter, Keyon Sayles, Devin Garner, Nazareth Richardson, Bernard Ireland, and Kirby Gardner for their hard work and commitment to excellence throughout the season.

I also want to recognize the parents, assistant coaches, and school administrators—who all played a critical role in Eisenhower's State Championship run.

Brendan Lane, star player for the opposing Rocklin Thunder, said about the Eagles, "They're relentless. They get every rebound and every loose ball. They come after you the whole time."

On behalf of myself, my wife Barbara, Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Jennifer, and Natalie Baca, I congratulate the Eisenhower Eagles for their relentless effort, not just in the title game but throughout the season. I thank Coach Johnson and all the Eagle players, for their grit and determination, and the hope their achievement has brought to the Inland community in these times of economic difficulty.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I want to state for the record that today, March 24th, I was detained in my district and therefore missed the three rollcall votes of the day. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 147 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1617—Department of Homeland Security Component Privacy Act of 2009. Had I been present I would have also voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 148 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 730—Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act. Lastly, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 149 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Res. 182—Expressing support for designation of the week of March 1 through March 8, 2009, as School Social Work Week.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID H. DUBBS, JR.

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Dr. David H. Dobbs, Jr., a beloved and dedicated public servant who tirelessly devoted his efforts to the well-being of our nation's most important asset, our children, as a valued educator of the Miami-Dade County community and beyond. Moreover, I would like to commend him for his years of service to the Miami-Dade County School System and his long standing involvement in the South Florida community.

Dr. Dobbs, a Miami native, was born to David H. Dobbs, Sr., and Gussie Dobbs on May 19, 1945. After graduating from Miami Northwestern Senior High School, he furthered his education at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio where he majored in political science. Dr. Dobbs then obtained his master's degree in administration and his doctorate in administration and supervision, both from Nova Southeastern University. Throughout his life, Dr. Dobbs' warm spirited persona and exceptional educational background contributed to his unwavering commitment to help others.

He began his professional career as a teacher at Pine Villa Elementary and then moved to Mays Elementary. Dr. Dobbs also taught at Citrus Grove Middle School, Henry Fowler Elementary School and Miami Beach Senior High School. As his career flourished, he then became an assistant principal at Miami Killian Senior High School and principal of Zora Neale Hurston Elementary where he retired from in 2006. He also served as a district director with the Miami-Dade County Public School System. Through his experience, it is quite clear that he was successful at meeting the challenge of educating the needs of his community's young people.

Upon retirement, Dr. Dobbs continued to devote his life to the field of education and to his community while serving on a number of boards, including vice-chairman of the Florida Memorial University advisory board. Aside

from the fact that Dr. Dobbs was an outstanding professional educator, he was well read in African-American history and politics and would engage in a very stimulating conversation on any topic.

Dr. Dobbs is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Mrs. Priscilla Dobbs and daughter Priscilla Rashida Dobbs.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Dr. David H. Dobbs, Jr. I am honored to pay tribute to Dr. Dobbs for his invaluable services and tireless dedication to the South Florida educational community. Dr. Dobbs' life was a triumph and he was blessed with a loving family who took pleasure in every aspect of his life and his interests. He will be missed by all who knew him, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING JEFF PARKS UPON HIS GRADUATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeff Parks on the day of his graduation from the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidate School (OCS). Parks embodies the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment that define a Marine.

Jeff Parks is an officer who truly exemplifies his school motto, "Ductus Exemplo" (Leadership by Example). Parks served for nine years as an enlisted officer in the Marines—two tours in Iraq and two in Africa on humanitarian missions—and I would like to congratulate him on earning the privilege to lead Marines.

I had the honor of having him work on my campaign, and I was impressed by his bold and noble goals and ambitions. He is a determined, hard-working individual, illustrated by the fact that he finished 2nd in his OCS class. Parks will continue with his training at The Basic School (TBS) at Quantico.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Jeff Parks for his outstanding accomplishment. His determination is a source of motivation to others. It is my honor to represent him in the 26th district of Texas.

HONORING LT. COLONEL PAUL MOORE, JR.

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a Pittsburgh resident and a constituent of mine, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Moore, Jr. Lieutenant Colonel Moore is retiring from the United States Army after an illustrious 22-year career protecting the safety and freedom of our great nation.

His career began while attending college at the University of Indiana of Pennsylvania, where he was enlisted in the Army Reserves as a wheeled vehicle mechanic while getting

his degree in criminology. Upon graduation, he received his first active duty assignment with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, stationed in Amberg, Germany. He was quickly assigned to a number of leadership positions while stationed there, including M1 Abrams tank platoon leader, scout platoon leader, support platoon leader, and executive officer.

The experiences he acquired in his first active duty assignment included the field that he would eventually devote the majority of his career to—military intelligence. Colonel Moore helped provide valuable intelligence to our service men and women across the globe to ensure they completed their missions efficiently and safely. He served the intelligence community as Detachment L commander for the Washington field office during Operation Desert Storm, Chief of the Military Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Team, Product Manager for Information Warfare within Program Executive Office Intelligence, and as the Army's Senior Systems Coordinator for Information Operations.

Lieutenant Colonel Moore has received countless awards and decorations from his years of service. These include, but are by no means limited to, the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, The Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and The Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Albert Einstein put it perfectly when he said "only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." Lieutenant Colonel Moore has exemplified a life lived in the service of others. I want to commend Lieutenant Colonel Moore and thank him for his long and honorable service to our country. I wish him a happy retirement and many years of joy with his family and friends.

COMMENDING DENISE MILES OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month and to congratulate Denise Miles of Summit, New Jersey who will be honored on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the 17th Annual Women of Excellence Dinner held in Union County, New Jersey.

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This year's Volunteerism Award will be given to Denise because of her extensive volunteer efforts at numerous organizations throughout Union County.

Specifically, Denise is considered the backbone of the Wallace Chapel of the AME Zion Church, where every Monday she calls church

members who were not in church on Sunday and checks in on those who are sick or homebound. Each Tuesday Denise delivers Meals on Wheels where she spends time with each family and brings them food and friendship. After working for 38 years at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey as a nurse, Denise now volunteers in the hospital's Chaplain Service. In this effort, she goes room to room visiting patients of all denominations. Denise also volunteers weekly at her local library and reads to preschoolers during story time.

Denise keeps this vigorous volunteer schedule despite the fact that she does not have a car. She literally volunteers every day of the week by walking from place to place or taking the bus.

Denise Miles of Summit, New Jersey is a true American hero. She has a demonstrated a deep commitment to helping others through her selfless sacrifice and hard work. So many people in Union County benefit directly from her efforts.

I am pleased to congratulate Denise Miles for her outstanding efforts and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

OPPOSING THE BLAIR HOLT'S FIREARM LICENSING AND RECORD OF SALE ACT

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, a few weeks ago, I stood on the floor of the House of Representatives to express the outrage I'm hearing from Montanans regarding H.R. 45 and similar bills that erode our Second Amendment rights and make eventual confiscation of firearms easier. Even gun-control advocates understand that this bill goes too far. They promise that H.R. 45 will never pass.

Notice, they don't say it shouldn't pass—only that it won't.

Some of my colleagues here in Washington, D.C. wish it could pass. And that's why it remains so important to stand our ground against The Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act and similar measures.

Thomas Jefferson wrote, "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." While public outcry has made H.R. 45 a politically unattractive proposal for now, make no mistake about it: if we ease back, even for a moment, opponents of the Second Amendment will take advantage.

I recently created a user-group on the popular social networking website Facebook entitled "Fight to Protect the 2nd Amendment Against H.R. 45." It has been incredible to watch the response as friends have invited friends to join and people posted their opinions on "The Wall" for others to read. In a little over two weeks, the group has more than 1,500 members, with more joining every day.

Sadly a bill like H.R. 45 isn't politically unattractive because it's a bad idea. Congress passes bad ideas every day. It's politically unattractive because Americans like those in my Facebook group are taking Thomas Jefferson's advice and remaining vigilant. It's politically unattractive because of the grassroots advocacy that has arisen against it.

To make it clear that advocates of liberty will pay the price of vigilance for our freedom, here is a sampling of some of the comments that were written on the wall in that angry little corner of Facebook.

"The ability to bear arms has much more to do with being able to protect one's self than it does for those hunting. I used a 22 rifle once to keep an invader out of my apartment. I didn't have any ammo but all the guy needed to see was my gun pointing at him when he broke into my front door, he promptly left and I was one less victim of who knows what crime. Don't take that right to defend myself away from me. I don't want to be a statistic!"—Jaclyn Colebank

"As once was written, 'If guns kill people then pencils misspell words.' As an avid gun owner and 25 year old female I appreciate the constitution and the rights we have been given. The second amendment assists us in protecting the first. If someone decides to break into my home and deprive me of my life, liberty and/or happiness, I am going to protect those rights using a firearm if necessary."—Amanda Barta

"I use to never want to have a gun in my home. They always scared me. My husband is a trucker and over a year I am pretty much alone with just my son in the home. I am disabled so I can't really get away from someone if they were to break in. A couple of guys threatened my son and myself. Immediately I told my husband that soon as he came home we were going to get me a gun and he was going to teach me to shoot. I need to know how to protect my family and myself. I also realize that an unarmed society is nothing but slaves to the government. The Founding Fathers knew that the people needed a way to protect themselves from a government gone wild which is why they made sure we have the 2nd amendment. I am now a member of the NRA and I will not be disarmed. Statistics prove that areas that have gun bans have a much higher crime rate. I am a rape survivor and had I carried a gun then maybe I would not have been a victim. Never again."—Anita Calbert

"If I'm a violent criminal all set to ply my trade, I'd rather operate in an unarmed helpless community than your basic Montana town. What is it about an armed populace that is so frightening?"—Randy Nankivel

"The second amendment states, 'A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.' While H.R. 45 does not outright ban guns, it would impair the purchase and ownership of arms to the point to where it would have the same effect as a ban, and as such H.R. 45 should be considered unconstitutional. Opponents will claim as long as there is the opportunity to buy a gun, however small, the second amendment would not be violated. This is an abuse of the definition and meaning of the second amendment, unfairly restricting the scope of amendment and marginalizing it until rendered ineffective."—Eric Fulton

"Being a gun owner is not only a privilege but my right. Anyone who wants to take our gun rights has forgotten how the birth of our great country came about. I enjoy target shooting as well as hunting. It is something my husband and I do to spend time together. If we let Congress pass any bill allowing them to take our guns, it would be detrimental to the well being of every American. The criminals will have them anyway and the hard working citizens will have no way to protect themselves, not to mention being able to hunt. Hunting is a way of life for a lot of families, especially families who cannot afford to buy beef etc. I see absolutely nothing positive being gained by taking our gun rights."—Tara Preshinger

"Guns have been a part of my life and my family's life since we have lived in the US. It has been a useful tool in feeding my family since we have been here. I am a soldier, hunter, brother, son and many other things and I refuse to let this right be taken from me when all that will happen is it will take firearms from people who use them as tools and a way of life and those who use them for bad will get them one way or another. If guns are outlawed only outlaws will have guns and we will have nothing to protect ourselves with. That's way I say this right is important to me. I am here to protect my family, friends, and the US from all enemies and I feel sorry for the poor sap that tries to take this right away from me."—Clint Dean

"As a U.S. Soldier and a Montanan guns have always been a part of my life. I will never give up the right to keep and bear arms. I say if anyone wants to take my guns. . . . You can try but you might want to wait till I'm reloading!!!!!"—Matt Calnan

"There are so many reasons to oppose gun control, it's hard to pick a favorite. I would say that the main reason is that it simply doesn't work. Look at places like Great Britain and Mexico—have they become violence-free Utopias, or do their defenseless citizens now suffer exploded rates of violent crimes committed with total impunity since having been disarmed? If civil disarmament worked well, then Great Britain wouldn't need 40 cameras on every street corner; and they wouldn't try to do it either for fear of armed revolt. What do our leaders hope to accomplish with gun control? Also, how many of them are willing to give up their own guns, or the guns of their bodyguards? Finally, if they take our weapons, will they legislate to overturn *Castle Rock v. Gonzales*? If not, then WHO will protect us?"—Jan Sean Montgomery

"Whether you are for or against gun control you can still recognize that H.R. 45 is simply unconstitutional!"—Joe Chollak

"A fear of weapons is a sign of retarded sexual and emotional maturity."—Sigmund Freud

"I live in Montana and I enjoy [spending] my time in the outdoors. I grew up learning the responsibilities of firearm ownership from my father and my grandfather. I use those same responsibilities in my everyday life. I spend my fall hunting and the meat that I harvest rarely remains in my freezer because I like to donate it to local charities like the rescue missions and the food banks in my hometown. If this regulation becomes readily available and can later be used as but step in the ladder to complete firearm [eradication]. If this bill is put into I know that many families who rely on groups like the food bank for meat will go without because this form of charity will become a distant memory."—Ryan Belke

"Once freedom is given up, or even compromised, it can never be taken back. Compromise, even in the deceitful form of regulations, is not an infringement on the ownership of guns, but an infringement on what it means to be an American and the rights granted, declared, and (supposedly) defended by the government whom the people support. These are our rights as Americans. Take them away, and you take America away. You take away life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness . . . because that is what Americans are promised. Take away the promise, and you leave us with nothing."—Justin Countryman

"If the right to bear arms is taken away, what will be next? One by one other freedom will be stripped away. The right to bear arms gives citizens the right and ability to defend themselves against criminals, and even if necessary our own government. In these uncertain times this is definitely a right we

don't want taken away. I've heard a quote and don't know the exact source that 'if guns are outlawed only outlaws will have guns.'"—Niki Griffis

"HR 45 makes the jobs of criminals easier and threatens the safety of all law abiding citizens, with it you can also say goodbye to your 2nd and 4th amendment rights! It also hurts a family tradition of target shooting and hunting that so many people share."—Brant Manley

"Honest citizens use the right to bear arms as a source of recreation through hunting, trap shooting, etc. as well as for an essential source of protection in dangerous situations. We follow the firearm regulations that are already in place. Criminals, however, do not. The only people who will be affected by further restrictions against our right to bear arms will be law-abiding citizens. HR 45 will have no effect on criminals. Instead, the only people left with firearms will be the ones who should not possess them in the first place."—Christine Hodges

"I have seen it argued that HR 45 is simply a bill proposing gun registration. That contention is absolutely false. HR 45 is nothing less than a backdoor attempt to circumvent the 2nd Amendment, by harassing law-abiding citizens into giving up their firearms. Criminals don't register guns anyway. It's quite obvious who this bill is directed toward . . . and it isn't criminals. HR 45 addresses only law-abiding citizens; yet, treats them no better than convicted sex offenders or other felons just because they own a firearm. When the government starts using heavy-handed tactics to suppress the freedoms of law-abiding citizens, then those citizens need to stand firm in defense of their rights, and preserve the integrity of the US Constitution."—Debra Sullivan

CHILD CARE FACILITIES FINANCING ACT OF 2009

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of legislation I am introducing in the House of Representatives today entitled, the "Child Care Facilities Financing Act of 2009." I would like to thank the organizations that make up the National Children's Facilities Network (NCFN), as well as several of the Network's staffers, including Caitlin Kovalkoski, from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and Corey Carlisle, from the Low Income Investment Fund, for all their guidance in revising this legislation that, if adopted, will meet the financial and technical needs of early care development.

Early care and education has a profound impact on the development of our nation's youth. To date, the federal government, in conjunction with state and local efforts, has invested billions of dollars through the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) and programs like Head Start and Early Head Start. While these efforts have done much to enhance early care in our nation, a lack of consistent funding and organized infrastructure has prevented the early childhood field from addressing its physical capital needs and creating the kind of environments that support quality programs.

President Obama has articulated on numerous occasions America's need to make headway in youth development programs. How-

ever, the supply of suitable spaces to house early childhood programs has not kept pace with the growth of the sector, and the shortage is especially severe in low-income communities—both urban and rural. Research conducted at a Connecticut preschool center documented how quality facilities result in more teacher-child interaction, more productive play with fewer conflicts among children, higher staff morale and lower staff turnover—all of which are established indicators of program quality. Yet it is rare to find high quality early learning centers designed to meet the unique needs of very young children, especially in low-income neighborhoods where programs typically occupy makeshift, surplus or donated space such as church basements or storefronts, and out of date school buildings designed for older children.

To address the shortfall in quality child care facilities, I am pleased to introduce the Child Care Facilities Financing Act of 2009, which will go a long way toward providing a dedicated source of capital for early care and education programs in our nation.

By allowing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award competitive grants to experienced non-profit community development organizations, my bill will help providers develop well-designed and appropriately-located facilities that will foster an environment of productive play and staff dedication. Non-profit facilities organizations can leverage a relatively small public investment with additional private capital, multiplying the total investment in child care facilities and serving even more children.

Over the past several years, two Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI's), the Leviticus Alternative Fund and the CDC of Long Island, have made nine loans to child care providers serving children from low-income families in my Congressional District. The Leviticus Fund lends to licensed child care centers and has made loans to Harbor Day Care, AMC Child Care Center, D&D Day Care, and Pat-Kam Early Childhood Center. The CDC of Long Island lends to Family Day Care providers and has lent to Susie's Day Care, Inc., Rosa's School House, Elena's Child Care, Barbara Grullon, and Carolyn Reid, all in the Fourth District. Passage of this legislation will further increase the support we can give to child care providers.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation for our nation's youth.

COMMENDING KIMBERLY NESBITT-GOOD OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month and to congratulate Kimberly Nesbitt-Good of Elizabeth, New Jersey who will be honored on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the 17th Annual Women of Excellence Dinner held in Union County, New Jersey.

This special annual event is hosted by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women in the Seventh Congressional District and highlights the amazing work of individuals

who are making our communities better places to live. The Commission on the Status of Women recognizes the contributions of women in the fields of education, health care, the arts, government, business, law, community service, technology, public service and women's advocacy and lifetime achievement.

This year's Business Award will be given to Kimberly Nesbitt-Good because of her business efforts in Union County. Kimberly is the proprietor of Nesbitt Funeral Home, along with her husband Ted, which was established in 1931 by her adoptive parents, Bravell and Carrie Allen Nesbitt.

Ms. Nesbitt-Good has received several awards and recognition for her work in the funeral profession. She is a member of the Garden State Funeral Directors Association, the New Jersey Funeral Directors Association, the National Funeral Directors Association, the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, and the Epsilon Nu Delta Fraternity.

Kimberly is the cofounder of "Friends," an organization of African American women that uplifts and supports women in African American communities. Listed in *Who's Who Among Americans* and *Who's Who Among African American Funeral Directors*, Kimberly has been recognized by many local, state and federal organizations for her varied and wide ranging work in the funeral profession.

Kimberly Nesbitt-Good of Elizabeth, New Jersey has made significant achievements in her business efforts. I am pleased to congratulate Kimberly Nesbitt-Good for her outstanding efforts and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of athletic trainers and all that they do to improve the health and quality of our lives.

As overweight and obesity rates soar, athletic trainers serve as an outstanding opponent to the frightening statistics. Their job widely varies, and they do far more than simply "work out" with others. Athletic trainers guide their clients with life-long fitness and exercise skills and push their clients to aerobic excellence. Many also provide nutritional guidance that helps those derailed from healthy eating habits develop better eating tendencies. In doing so, they often provide their clients with a greater sense of self worth.

Their impact on society is incredibly beneficial. Athletic trainers do much to help decrease the increasing population of the obese and overweight. For this, I thank those athletic trainers in the First District of Florida, as well as the rest of the Nation, who constantly make a difference. We are truly grateful.

HONORING GARY MORGAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gary Lewis Morgan of Sonoma County, California, who passed away January 16, 2009, at the age of 55. Gary was a loving father to his son James and a loving friend to Emmie Morgan, his ex-wife, James' mother, and a member of my staff.

Born in the San Fernando Valley in 1953, Gary grew up there and attended Monroe High School where he excelled as a gymnast and as a barbershop quartet singer, a passion he later introduced to James.

In 1975, Gary graduated from California State University, Northridge with a degree in graphic design and a job designing ads for the Yellow Pages. He met Emmie at the home of a mutual friend and immediately offered to read her palm. As Emmie says, this "involved some holding of the hand. After that, he was telling people about this wonderful woman he met named Emarah. That was our joke, and he still often called me that."

They married in 1983, and their son James was born in March, 1985. Emmie recalls how "the morning after he was born, Gar came to the hospital in striped suspenders and a button that said, 'Kids Are People, Too.' He loved being Jamie's Dad."

Looking for the best place to raise Jamie, they moved to Sonoma County in 1986. Gary became well known there as a singer, muralist, and multimedia artist whose work includes statues, flags, and stained glass panels. One of his statues was purchased by the Queen of England, and a flag he designed was flown at the Washington Monument for the 1976 Bicentennial.

Gary's murals appear in various sites around Sonoma County, including Harmony School, an elementary school in Occidental. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to see this mural with Gary and talk with him about the creation of it. He was selected through an interview process that included students, and he made sure to seek their input as he developed the design. Of course, he had to listen to the teachers, too, so when one of them said, "Hey, there has to be a book somewhere," he made sure he gave the dragon by the tree something to read.

Gary's musical abilities were evident in his beautiful voice, and he sang in three local choirs—the Occidental Community Choir, the Sufi Choir, and the Center for Spiritual Living's One Heart Choir.

His musical talents were clearly passed to Jarmie, but it was Gary's (and Emmie's) nurturing that also helped James grow into a fine young man. He is currently a student at Sacramento State University and will enter the Berklee College of Music in Boston in the fall, which would have made his father very proud.

One of Gary's other interests was metaphysics, the study of what lies beyond the physical world, and this interest was a comfort to him in his times of trouble.

In addition to Emmie and James, Gary is survived by his siblings Gale and Bryan, his mother Barbara, and his long-time friend, Zan Spencer.

Madam Speaker, Gary Morgan's life touched many people. As Emmie Morgan stat-

ed, "He was an amazingly kind, authentic, sincere, honest human being. Every person I've talked to tells me they were close to him, even people who met him only once." That is a testament to Gary Morgan's character that makes me proud to honor him today.

COMMENDING HEATHER SUAREZ OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month and to congratulate Heather Suarez of Springfield, New Jersey who will be honored on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the 17th Annual Women of Excellence Dinner held in Union County, New Jersey.

This special annual event is hosted by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women in the Seventh Congressional District and highlights the amazing work of individuals who are making our communities better places to live. The Commission on the Status of Women recognizes the contributions of women in the fields of education, health care, the arts, government, business, law, community service, technology, public service and women's advocacy and lifetime achievement.

This year's Law Award will be given to Heather Suarez who has been described as a pioneer in the legal industry. Heather was hired directly out of law school, by persuading the three male partners at her Newark law firm to hire her. She became the firm's first female attorney, staying with that firm ever since, now enjoying a tenure of 28 years.

After the firm relocated to Roseland, Ms. Suarez continued to be a leader in her field and at the firm. When she announced, in 1987, that she was pregnant, Heather was a change agent for the firm, resulting in its first maternity policy. Continuing to work at the firm while raising two young sons, Ms. Suarez not only became the first female partner, but also the first part time partner as the firm worked with her to accommodate and balance her busy home life with professional responsibilities.

Ms. Suarez has been recognized by many organizations in her field. Her commitment to women's advocacy is evident as she works tirelessly as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts.

Heather Suarez of Springfield, New Jersey has made significant achievements in the legal field. I am pleased to congratulate Heather Suarez for her outstanding efforts and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

TEXAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2009

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, El Paso, Texas has a history of producing strong, passionate, and caring educators who motivate

and engage our children to become lifelong learners. As a parent and grandparent, I am grateful for the contributions of our teachers in the El Paso area, and today I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs. Christine Gleason, a teacher at Fabens High School in the Fabens Independent School District, for being selected as the 2009 Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year. The Texas Teacher of the Year is the highest honor that the State of Texas can award to a teacher and Mrs. Gleason will be representing the State of Texas in the National Teacher of the Year program in Washington, D.C. Facilitated by the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Teacher of the Year Program annually recognizes and rewards teachers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and excellence in teaching. Mrs. Gleason represents the best of the best in the teaching profession, and we salute her energy, efforts, and dedication.

Mrs. Gleason earned a Bachelor's degree in English and creative writing as well as a Master's degree in English and American literature from the University of Texas at El Paso. At Fabens High School, she teaches English IV, AP English IV, and Dual Credit English. She currently serves the school district as Chair of the English Department, National Honor Society Sponsor, Dual Credit Facilitator, UIL Coordinator, and is a literary criticism coach. Mrs. Gleason originally intended to be a novelist, but found teaching to be "life-changing" and "unreservedly rewarding." Mrs. Gleason said that her goal is to be a "vibrant, tenacious, creative and absolutely unforgettable teacher because that is what [she] never had and that is what every kid in this country deserves in every classroom they attend." The El Paso community is very fortunate to have Mrs. Christine Gleason in the classroom and we are appreciative of her commitment to our children.

Mrs. Gleason is part of a larger history of educational excellence in El Paso. I am also proud to note that for the past three years, El Paso area educators have been chosen as Texas Teachers of the Year. In total, El Paso has had nine Texas Teachers of the Year. The National Teacher of the Year Program began in 1952 and continues as the oldest, most prestigious national honors program that focuses public attention on excellence in teaching.

In recognition of these distinguished educators, I am submitting the names of all former Texas Teachers of the Year from the El Paso area.

I am proud of the work of our teachers, and I am committed to ensuring that education remains a top priority in this Congress.

TEXAS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR FROM THE EL PASO, TEXAS AREA

1970—Clarence K. Stark; Irvin High School, El Paso, TX—Government.

1982—Rita Harlien; Eastwood High School, El Paso, TX—Speech.

1992—Rosa E. Lujan; Ysleta Elementary School, El Paso, TX—Bilingual Education.

1995—Miguel Ignacio Tinajero; Ramona Elementary School, El Paso, TX—Self-Contained 5th–6th Grade.

1997—Antonio A. Fierro; Sierra Vista Elementary, El Paso, TX—Bilingual Education K–1st Grade.

2004—Kyann McMillie; Canutillo Elementary, Canutillo, TX—Bilingual Education 1st–2nd Grade.

2007—Dana K. Boyd; Dolphin Terrace Elementary, El Paso, TX—2nd Grade.

2008—Paul F. Cain; Ysleta High School, El Paso, TX—Mathematics/Physics 9th–12th Grade.

2009—Christine Gleason; Fabens High School, Fabens, TX—English 12th Grade.

COMMENDING KRISTINA SILVESTRY OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month and to congratulate Kristina Silvestry of Cranford, New Jersey who will be honored on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the 17th Annual Women of Excellence Dinner held in Union County, New Jersey.

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This year's Women's Advocacy Award will be given to Kristina Silvestry. Currently, she is a primary counselor at "A Child's View," a Union County PALS Program. Kristina currently is employed as a counselor for the YWCA of Eastern Union County, serving the women, children, and families of Union County. Kristina's position allows her to work with battered families in the area, helping to establish housing, financial assistance, education, and emotional readiness, assisting these victims of violence regain their lives.

In addition to her busy workload, Kristina spends a great deal of time working with the courts. She advocates for the safety and well being of families, serves as an expert witness in the field of domestic violence, accompanies victims to their hearings, and she provides the encouragement and support to victims of violence. Ms. Silvestry speaks at various meetings and organization gatherings to discuss issues such as Teen Dating Violence and Domestic Violence.

Kristina Silvestry of Cranford, New Jersey has made significant achievements in women's advocacy. I am very pleased to congratulate Kristina for her outstanding efforts and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

IN MEMORY OF THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF GEORGE KELLER

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise in both sadness and awe as I reflect on the passing of George M. Keller who, together with his late wife Adelaide, was a philanthropic titan on the San Francisco peninsula and across our country.

Born in Kansas City and raised in Chicago, Mr. Keller moved to San Francisco with his new bride when he took a job with Standard Oil after graduating from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in chemical engineering—a degree delayed by George's service in the United States Army Air Force during World War II.

Settling in San Mateo, George worked for Standard Oil (later Chevron) for half a century, eventually becoming the company's chairman in 1981. As chairman, he led Standard's 1984 bid to acquire Gulf Oil Corporation, at the time, the largest corporate takeover in history. Two years after retiring from Chevron in 1988, George and his wife established the George M. and Adelaide M. Keller Foundation.

Madam Speaker, I am constantly reminded of the generosity of the Keller family. The 12th Congressional District's San Mateo County Health Center is a principle beneficiary of the foundation, having received millions of dollars in recent years. Much of that money went to helping some of the most vulnerable members of our community through the Keller Center for Family Violence Intervention.

George Keller's work in our community touched virtually everyone. He served as Chairman of the Board of Belmont's Notre Dame de Namur University from 1982 to 1994 and as Chair of the Bay Area Council from 1985 to 1988. He and Adelaide's philanthropy has benefited many local institutions, including the Lighthouse for the Blind, the Exploratorium, the Coyote Point Museum and the Monterey Bay Aquarium. In addition, the Keller Foundation has supported homeless shelters, firefighters and helped build a playground for special needs children in Burlingame.

Adelaide, the love of George's life, passed away last year. She and George are survived by three sons, Bill, Bob and Barry, and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, not all of us leave an indelible mark on our community when our time on earth is done, but George Keller certainly did, and we are all the better because of it.